

The Times.

RICHMOND, VA. TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1899.

RANGE OF THERMOMETER.

Yesterday the range of the thermometer was as follows: 9 A. M., 74; 12 M., 80; 3 P. M., 81; 6 P. M., 83; 9 P. M., 75; 12 M., 72. Average, 78 1/2.

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REV. DR. W. G. STARR MAY BE PRESIDENT

Randolph-Macon College
Trustees Favor Him.

BOARD TO MEET SOON.

Rev. Dr. Edwards to Accept the Professorship Tendered Him.

DR. STARR AS AN EDUCATOR.

Has Been a Successful College President—An A. M. of Randolph-Macon College—Dr. Young's strength at the last election—Official Notices Not Yet Received.

It is very probable that the president of Randolph-Macon College, elected at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be the Rev. W. G. Starr, D. D., pastor of Broad-Street Methodist church, of this city. None of the members of the board resident in Richmond have been officially advised of Rev. James A. Duncan's having declined to accept the honor, but the official notice would be received first by Rev. S. S. Lambeth, D. D., the secretary of the board, who is pastor of the Methodist church at Bedford City.

EXCLUSIVE ANNOUNCEMENT.

The announcement that Dr. Duncan would not serve, made exclusively in The Times Sunday, over his signature, was accepted, however, as final and the trustees must now find a man who can measure up to the required standard.

The Virginia and Baltimore Conferences of the Methodist Church, South, under whose jurisdiction the Randolph-Macon system stands, are remarkable for the splendid timber in its make-up, suitable for any calling demanding piety, brains, dignity and real. Dr. Starr is one among the number of whom all feel proud and if, as seems probable, the honor is proffered and it should be accepted, the trustees would have reason to feel that their duty to the church and the college had been faithfully performed.

It is understood that the trustees regard Dr. Starr with much favor, and while none of those men would discuss the matter, it is thought Dr. Starr would receive a very large majority of the votes cast.

At the election last week Rev. W. J. Young, D. D., pastor of Epworth church, of Norfolk, and a former pastor of Park Place Methodist church in this city, had a strong and tenacious backing and his name may be proposed again.

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A call signed by seven of the trustees is necessary to secure a meeting of the Board of Trustees. There are not more than that number in this vicinity, so that no difficulty will be experienced in having an early meeting of the body. A meeting must be held soon, as the matter of electing a president is not one that can well be delayed much longer. As Bishop Granberry is absent from the State, the vice-president, Rev. Dr. Cox of Baltimore Conference, will probably preside at the next meeting.

DR. STARR'S ATTAINMENTS.

Dr. Starr is a man of wide attainments, and no little experience in educational matters. He spent two years at Richmond College and three at Randolph-Macon, where he was graduated with the degree of A. M. At John McChord's Seminary, Murfreesboro, Tenn., he taught Latin, Greek, Mathematics, French, English, etc. He is a Methodist institution. Under his administration the school was wonderfully successful. While at the height of his prosperity, the school was destroyed by fire, and Dr. Starr returned to the ministry. With this exception his life work has been in the pulpit in many fields.

Dr. Starr was born in Rappahannock county, Virginia, September 26, 1840. He served in the Confederate army during the entire war, and has been in the ministry for over twenty years.

In the Virginia Conference sketches Rev. J. J. Lafferty, D. D., says of Dr. Starr: "In personal appearance he is tall, with firm step and independent air, as if he felt the blood of English ancestors and yet those who know him well tell us that his humility is as marked and as attractive as his independence of spirit. In and out of pulpit he shows the bearing of a man who has volunteered to serve his Lord with all his strength and at any cost."

"As a preacher he is original, forcible, fearless. His voice is pleasant, flexible, penetrating. He speaks distinctly, and yet so rapidly that no stenographer can follow him. His vocabulary is exhaustless. His style is nervous; his gesticulations artless, but always expressive. At times, on the platform, he is unconsciously dramatic, when borne onward under the rush of a tempest of emotion."

DEEP, BROAD CONVICTIONS.

"His convictions are deep, broad and almost of the times. Such is the strength of his allegiance to what he believes to be the right that he frequently appears to be combative and uncompromising; but he never courts controversy, and prefers peace to war."

"He is, perhaps, too indifferent to public opinion; thinks the commission of a West Indian the highest badge of distinction on earth, and has been heard to say, 'With my credentials as a Methodist preacher, I could not give one whirr on my heel for any office or any honor that could be conferred upon me by either Church or State.'

"His letters have added over \$12,000 to the material interests of Southern Methodism. He is a humorous converser, al-

most a good pastor, a warm friend, and

TRUST VS. TRUST.

The New Tobacco Company Will Oppose Existence Combines.

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 7.—Buchanan and Lyall, of Brooklyn, filed articles of incorporation to-day. This company, it is rumored, will prove a formidable rival to the tobacco trust.

The company has a capital stock of four millions and it is authorized to cure and prepare leaf tobacco and to buy, manufacture and sell tobacco in all forms, to cultivate, acquire factories and buildings, to establish, maintain and operate factories, warehouses, agencies and depots for the storage, preparation, curing and manufacture of tobacco and for its sale and distribution.

The business is to be carried on in the United States and in Great Britain and Canada and all other foreign empires.

The capital is \$1,500,000 cumulative seven per cent. preferred stock and \$2,500,000 common stock. The directors and shareholders named in the incorporation papers are identical. They are William Buchanan, Charles P. Buchanan, Robert McGinnis, of Brooklyn; John D. Cummings, Vincent P. Travers, T. Weston Williams, Eugene A. Phillips, of New York city; George B. Wilson, of Philadelphia; and Abraham E. Cox, Jr., of Yonkers. Each subscriber subscribes for ten shares except William Buchanan, who takes fifty shares of the stock.

TRROUBLE FOR AGUINALDO.

Forty-Six Thousand Men Will Reach Manila by Dry Season.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—A statement prepared at the War Department shows that by October 2d, there will be at Manila, or on its way to the Philippines, 45,000 men. They will all reach the islands before the beginning of the dry season.

The troops to be sent from this country are ten regiments of volunteers, amounting to 3,000 men, recruits for skeleton regiments organized in the Philippines, 1,500 recruits for regulars, 3,500 night troops Third Cavalry, 900 Marines, 400.

Beginning to-morrow and up to October 2d, there will sail from the Pacific coast 17 transports, with a carrying capacity of 63 officers and 17,000 men, which will include nearly all the organizations above named.

General Miles is anxious that the regiments being raised for service in the Philippines should be especially efficient with small arms and orders were sent to the commander of each regiment to-day directing that target practice be the chief feature of the instruction given to the soldiers.

McKinley Sees a Yacht Race.

PLATTSBURGH, N. Y., August 7.—The President had a busy day to-day. He witnessed the yacht races this afternoon on board the yacht Elfrida in company with Vice-President Hobart and Mrs. Hobart and party.

Later he took a drive with Vice-President Hobart. This evening he held a long conference with Secretary of War Root, who arrives to-morrow. Mrs. McKinley continues to improve slowly.

Among the President's callers to-day were Rev. Dr. Hills, pastor of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, and S. V. White, of New York.

Fought With Sabres.

VIENNA, August 7.—A sensational scene dual springing from a political quarrel was fought to-day between Herr Wolff, the notorious German Radical member of the Reichstag, and Herr Krizek, a German Liberal Deputy. It was a furious encounter. Herr Wolff received a wound in the head, severing an artery. The doctor declared him incapable of continuing the duel, but he persisted, though his face was bathed in blood. Ultimately he sustained a second wound in the head and was carried home in a precarious condition.

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